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SUBJECT: US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 274670

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMBOFF PRESENTED MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP URBINI (DIRECTOR, BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES) WITH COPY OF DECEMBER 13, 1974 JOINT US-PORTUGUESE STATEMENT ON UNITED STATES ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. URBINI THANKED EMB-OFF FOR STATEMENT, NOTING THAT FULL OFFICIAL TEXT ESPECIALLY

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WELCOME GIVEN ABSENCE ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS DUE TO JOURNALISTS AND

TYPOGRAPHERS STRIKE.

2. URBINI SAID THAT MFA HAS ASSUMED USG ASSISTANCE WAS OFFERED QTE FOR REASONS OTHER THAN BASE NEGOTIATIONS UNQTE, AND STATED HE GRATIFIED THAT USG HAD NOT WAITED UNTIL ELECTIONS BEFORE ACTING.

3. NOTING REFERENCE TO URGING OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO HELP PORTUGAL, URBINI SAID GOI WOULD BE SEVERELY CONSTRAINED BY CURRENT BUDGETARY SITUATION AND WOULD HAVE, AT BEST, ONLY LIMITED CAPABILITY IN NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID ITALY ALREADY INVOLVED, ALONG WITH UK AND FRANCE, IN DEVELOPING PORT AT SINES. ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT IS 70 BILLION LIRE (\$106 MILLION AT \$1.00 US EQUALS 660 LIRE). INCLUDED IN DEVELOPMENT SCHEME, HE SAID, IS LARGE OIL REFINAERY AND PETRO-CHEMICAL PLANT. THERE IS ALSO A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP PYRITE DEPOSITS NEAR SINES, IN WHICH ITALY HAS SOME INTEREST, ACCORDING TO URBINI. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT GOI MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN NEW HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, IF REQUESTED BY PORTUGUESE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION THAT SINES PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS ON COMMERCIAL BASIS (ALTHOUGH IT MAY INVOLVE CREDITS) AND BELIEVES THAT ANY NEW ASSISTANCE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE ON COMMERCIAL TERMS.  
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